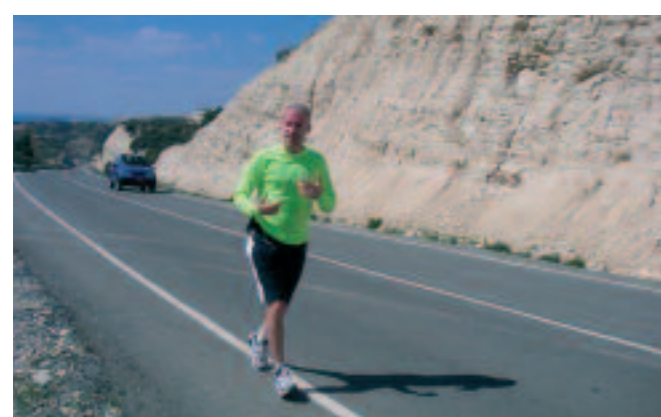


INDEPENDENT FUNDRAISERS

Space won't allow us to mention all the kind fundraisers who have put so much effort into raising money for COSMIC. We are so grateful to you all, but can only mention a few here.



HOTFOOT ACROSS CYPRUS!

Mark Hutton ran across Cyprus to raise money for COSMIC in March this year. Mark's two-and-a-half-year-old daughter Thea was retrieved from Bedford Hospital to St Mary's PICU in March 2003 with meningococcal septicaemia. Against all odds she made a complete recovery, and Mark showed his gratitude to PICU staff by raising a fantastic £3977.50 in sponsorship for his run from Paphos to Ayia Napa. Our grateful thanks to Mark and all his supporters.



COURTNAY'S BIG CHEQUE

Tracey Chambers held her own event in support of COSMIC on 30 May. Tracey's six-year-old daughter Courtney was admitted to the PICU with meningococcal septicaemia in November last year. Tracey's event at Harrow Weald raised a fantastic £7,354.92 and she presented PICU with a cheque in July. A big thank you to Tracey and to everyone who supported her event.



NON STOP FUNDRAISING!

Sasha Hennell and **Danny Flower**, whose baby son Brooke was rushed to St Mary's PICU in January this year with meningitis, have also been very busy with their own series of fundraising events for COSMIC.

They have organised a sponsored walk, a children's fancy dress sponsored walk over three London bridges, a sky diving event,

a white water rafting day and finally a big fundraising event at Union Arms pub, Battersea Bridge Road, London, on 29 August. All welcome to attend!

Huge COSMIC thanks to Sasha, Danny and all their friends and family for all you are doing for us.

THANKS TO YOU...

We have been able to replace all the syringe drivers in the PICU. Syringe drivers (as many of you will know) deliver absolutely accurate doses of life-saving drugs at precise intervals to the children in intensive care. We split the total cost of £150,000 with the NHS Trust and were able to update them all thanks to your support.

We have also completed the long overdue refurbishment of the staff and parents' rooms on PICU.

FUNDRAISING PACK

If you are thinking of holding your own event in aid of COSMIC and would like us to send you a fundraising pack, then please call:

020 7886 6947

or e-mail info@cosmiccharity.com

COSMIC NEWS

News from Children of St Mary's Intensive Care



LIBBY GOES HOME!

Brave teenager Libby Day finally went home from Broomfield Hospital in Chelmsford in May, where she had been transferred after being admitted to St Mary's PICU in November 2003 with meningococcal septicaemia.

Fifteen-year-old Libby was so badly affected by the virus that she had to undergo 20 operations and 15 skin graft procedures to repair the 50 per cent skin loss her body suffered as a result of the septicaemia. But throughout, she has remained cheerful, determined and an inspiration to us all. She even came to COSMIC's corporate evening to meet some of our local

companies, and to the COSMIC Walk on 6 June with a coach load of her classmates from Sheredes School, Hoddesdon - all of whom had raised sponsorship money for COSMIC. No-one who meets Libby can fail to be motivated by her courage and persistence.

Libby will still be undergoing treatment for some time to come, but we would like to send her and her parents, Malcolm and Eve, our very special thanks and warm wishes for setting such an example to us and for supporting COSMIC when they have had so much to endure themselves.

COSMIC'S NEW WEB SITE



I hope some of you have visited our new Web site by now at www.cosmiccharity.com. You can register for events, get sponsorship and make donations online.

Comments welcome.

COMPANY EVENING

Many thanks to all the local company representatives who took the time to learn about COSMIC on 19 May. We are organising a visit to the PICU for all those who expressed an interest in seeing it.

Everyone enjoyed the evening, COSMIC made some new friends and we shall be planning another get-together soon, so watch this space!

SIR STEVE SUPPORTS COSMIC



Rowing legend Sir Steve Redgrave visited PICU in April to present a cheque for nearly £40,000 with Chris Cordrey, seasoned sailor and staunch COSMIC supporter. Chris and his crew of novice seafarers raised a handsome £33,000 by their efforts, and The Sir Steve Redgrave Charitable Trust donated a further £7,000. Our grateful thanks to everyone involved.

For enquiries, please call 020 7886 6947/6179 or e-mail info@cosmiccharity.com



COSMIC WALK 2004

This year's COSMIC Walk on 6 June was one of the best yet! The sun shone and 400 of you kindly turned out to support us and do the walk across Hyde Park

Once we have all your sponsorship money, we are hoping to hit a magnificent £40,000.

Thank you to all who made the effort to join us.



ANOTHER FANTASTIC MARATHON

A huge thank you to all our London Marathon runners, who recorded some impressive finishing times and between them raised more than £10,000 for COSMIC on 18 April. Our grateful thanks (and blister dressings) go to:

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| Louise Bell | James Patroni | Rob Chapman |
| Marion Luckman | Sharon Rider | Tim Martindale |
| Emma Coatsworth | Frank Tabor | |
| Sanjay Tohani | Helen Thorne | |



COSMIC BALL 2004

The 2004 COSMIC Ball will be at The Dorchester Hotel, Hyde Park, London, on Saturday 27 November. Tickets are £125.00 each (or 10 for the price of 9 if you can fill a whole table) and you can book your places now.

We're also looking for raffle and auction prizes to help boost our fundraising on the night, so if you or someone you know can help, then please call us on: 020 7886 6947/6179 or e-mail: info@cosmiccharity.com



YOUNG FUNDRAISERS

COSMIC has been very lucky to benefit from some very enterprising young fundraisers recently.

Pupils in Form 5L at **St Paul's Girls School** sent us a big cheque for £170.00 which they raised by running a waffle stall for a week. Very many thanks to all the girls for the brilliant idea, to Isabella Marrin for nominating COSMIC and to Jean Lee the Form Tutor for sending the donation on to us.

Sophie Orwell and her classmates in Form 8L at the **North London Collegiate School** raised a whopping £954.64 for COSMIC. Sophie tells us that nearly everyone in the class undertook a solo sponsored event, including 'no chocolate for five weeks', a sponsored read, 'no TV', a jumpathon, a sponsored cat's cradle (that one had us puzzled!) and a hugathon. They also had a cake stall at the school and sold £80 worth of cakes, sweets, biscuits and fizzy drinks.

Lochinver House School, a boy's preparatory school in Potter's Bar, Hertfordshire, presented COSMIC with a cheque for a magnificent £3,298.12. The Headboys organised the fundraising, supported by Headteacher Antony Tyndale, and the idea of supporting COSMIC was put forward by Harry Law, whose family have had a connection with St Mary's PICU.

Sophie herself nearly died of meningitis and spent some time in PICU. Her Dad Michael also raised lots of money for COSMIC last year by climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. Our grateful thanks to Form 8L and to the Orwell family for making so much effort to support us.

Our grateful thanks to you all for making so much effort to support us.